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1. Gulf of Ploce Minefield - begins at Orinaj (Veglia island) and in a large arc doubles the Cape of Cherso and, following the eastern coast of Istria for about three miles, extends to Punta Nera. From Punta Nera it extends to the island of Cherso in a west-east direction.
2. Asinello-Selve Minefield - begins at the islet of Asinello and, following the curve of an arc with convex face to the west, ends at a point northwest of the island of Selve.
3. Prasada Minefield - begins at the northeast extremity of Prasada and, in the form of a wedge toward the west, ends at a point southeast of the island itself.
4. Isola Maleda Minefield - begins at a point southwest of the inlet of Maleda and, as with the Prasada field, is in the form of a wedge toward the west and ends at a point southwest of Maleda.
5. Isola Luda Minefield - begins at Punta Bianche and, running parallel to the western coast of the island, ends opposite the village of Brtnj (Berbigno). This field is in the form of a parallelogram but with three rows of arms. At a distance of about five and one-half miles east of the first field there is another minefield in the shape of an equilateral triangle with sides about eight miles in length.
6. Incoronata-Zuri Minefield - between the southern extremity of the island of Incoronata and the northern point of the island of Zuri, there is a barrier in the form of an arc, convex face toward the west, which completely closes the passage.
7. Zuri-Slarino Minefield - between the southern extremity of Zuri island and Slarino there is a minefield, also in the shape of an arc with convex face toward south southeast. Thus the passage for Sibenik and Zara is possible only through the channel formed by the eastern coast of Slarino and the mainland. The fort of San. Anna on the coast was reactivated a short time ago in order to control the passage.
8. The systematization of the fields described above is recent. The mines used are for the most part German (percussion); the rest are of magnetic types.

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